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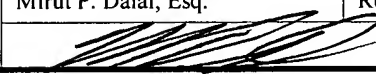
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This correspondence is filed in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of February 18, 2004, with a period of reply through April 18, 2004. Attached to this Response are: (1) a copy of the Notice; and (2) 1 sheet of Replacement Drawing Figure 1.

REMARKS

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers indicated that the drawings submitted were not acceptable because the drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible).

Applicants hereby present replacement drawing Figure 1 as requested and submit that the replacement drawing is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121. Additionally, it is believed that no fee is required for this response. However, to the extent that a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such required fee to deposit Account No. 13-0017.

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